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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 444
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A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Robert Lankford of Gallatin upon his exemplary career as a public servant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lankford is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of integrity in local government; and

WHEREAS, a long time resident of Gallatin, Robert Lankford recently reached the end of an outstanding 16-year career with the city; throughout his exemplary tenure there, Lankford proved to be a valuable asset to the community, devoting himself to a progressive agenda and dedicating himself to the people he represented; and

WHEREAS, prior to spending the last four years as Mayor, Mr. Lankford spent 12 fruitful years as city recorder, a position in which he excelled both professionally and personally; and

WHEREAS, as Mayor, Mr. Lankford will be remembered for his development projects and retail recruitment efforts; Mayor Lankford worked diligently with the City Council on a number of ongoing transportation projects, including the extension of Maple Street over to Red River Road and the extension of Hatten Track to the Highway 109 Bypass; and

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WHEREAS, Mayor Lankford will also be remembered for his efficient allocation of resources, including taxpayers' money; he always worked hard with the City Council to "measure twice and cut once"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent service as Mayor, Robert Lankford adhered to the common sense approach and displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds, Mayor Lankford is highly regarded as a professional and friend in the city and will be missed by Council members, staff and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Robert Lankford is the perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public service, and upon the end of his meritorious 16-year career with the city of Gallatin, he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mayor Robert Lankford of Gallatin as he ends his noteworthy public career. We celebrate Mr. Lankford's many accomplishments during his tenure, thank him for his dedication to the well-being of the citizens of our great state, and wish him well upon his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mayor Lankford, with this final clause deleted from such copy.